



ANNUAL REPORT

*Building Bridges.
Inspiring Hope.*

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A message from the JRS Europe Director

Dear Friends,

As we look back on 2025, we do so with gratitude and hope. Across Europe, JRS continued accompanying refugees and forcibly displaced people through programmes and initiatives that promote protection, inclusion, advocacy, and community engagement, ensuring that people on the move are met with dignity, solidarity, and care. Together, our network supported more than **187.567 people** across **23 countries** and over **240 locations**.

We continued responding to the needs of refugees affected by the war in Ukraine, accompanied people in detention, promoted opportunities for inclusion and participation, strengthened our advocacy efforts at both national and European levels, and engaged young people and communities in fostering greater awareness, solidarity, and active citizenship.

This year also marked an important step in shaping our future as we worked together across the network to develop a new Strategic Framework. It reflects our shared commitment to building more welcoming communities and advancing justice, reconciliation, and human dignity across Europe.

These achievements were made possible thanks to the dedication of our staff, volunteers, partners, supporters, and donors. Together, we continue to demonstrate that a Europe rooted in solidarity and hospitality is possible, and we are grateful for the trust and generosity that sustain our mission.

As you explore this report, I invite you to discover the stories, impact, and lessons that shaped our work throughout the year.

With gratitude and hope,
Alberto Ares, SJ
Regional Director, JRS Europe



2025



January

Change Environment event

Educators gathered in Brussels for a training exploring the links between climate change and migration, while reflecting on how to foster critical thinking in the classroom.

February

One Proposal Annual Report

The report highlighted the impact of support and accompaniment provided to people on the move across Europe.

March

Statement on the EU returns regulations

We called for return policies that uphold human dignity and fundamental rights, promoting alternatives to detention and humane solutions for people on the move.

April

RCM & AGM in Sarajevo

JRS network in Europe gathered to strengthen collaboration, exchange practices, and reflect on shared priorities.

June

Path of Hospitality campaign

The global Path of Hospitality campaign brought together communities across the world to promote hospitality, solidarity, and hope for people seeking peace and dignity under the slogan Hope is the Way.

Highlights

October

Jubilee of Migrants & Day of Hospitality

JRS Europe joined the global Jubilee of Migrants and Refugees as pilgrims of hope, promoting hospitality, solidarity, and encounter through the Path of Hospitality.



June

World Refugee Day

JRS Europe joined the Voices of Hope event, highlighting the resilience of displaced communities and the importance of inclusion, solidarity, and accompaniment.

October

RCM in Brussels

Representatives from across the JRS Europe network gathered in Brussels to strengthen collaboration and reflect on shared priorities under the Strategic Framework 2026–2030.



June

Livelihood Report

JRS Europe launched its Livelihoods Report, highlighting how inclusive and evidence based programmes are supporting displaced communities across Europe.

November

DVSG training in Dublin

Detention visitors and JRS teams from across Europe gathered in Dublin for the annual DVSG training, reflecting on accompaniment, dignity, and care in detention contexts.

Year in numbers

Our work reaches people through different programmes and services across Europe



14.730

Education in
emergency
situations



11.360

Mental health &
Psychological
support



10.262

Emergency Aid,
Relief &
Assistance



24.870

Livelihoods



40.409

Peace
Building and
Reconciliation



9.895

Protection
&
Legal Advice



6.107

Pastoral care



6.102

Health care



134.650

Advocacy &
Communication

A collective impact

Every number represents a person accompanied with dignity, support and hope.

IN 2025, WE ACCOMPANIED

187.567

people across Europe



Building Bridges. Inspiring hope.

Across Europe, we accompany forcibly displaced people through **protection, inclusion, advocacy** and **community support**.

We walk together toward a more welcoming, just and inclusive Europe, guided by our **Strategic Framework**.

Our presence

A network close to people, wherever they are.

Through our country offices, JRS is present in **23** countries, in **241** locations across the continent, accompanying people and building more welcoming communities every day.

241

locations where we operate across the continent

23

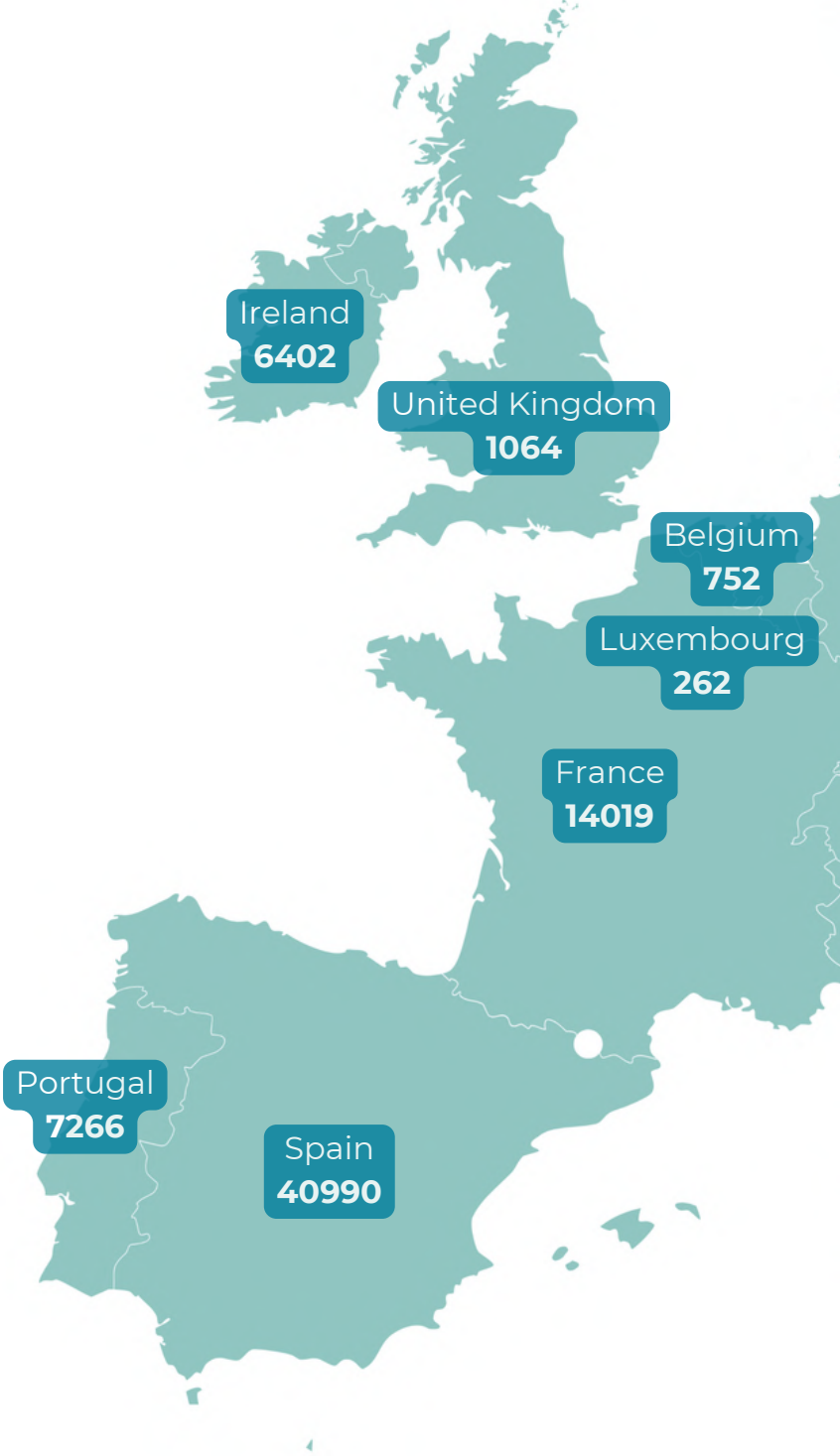
countries where we are present across Europe

800+

staff, a team of professionals committed to the mission

6900+

passionate volunteers



PEOPLE SERVED in 2025

Austria	563
Belgium	752
BiH	5.995
Croatia	4.042
France	14.019
Germany	2.487
Greece	3.504
Hungary	1.524



across Europe



Ireland	6.402
Italy	54.022
Kosovo	528
Luxembourg	262
Malta	1.073
North Macedonia	8.676
Poland	2.798
Portugal	7.266

Romania	16.268
Serbia	511
Slovenia	665
Spain	40.990
Switzerland	697
United Kingdom	1.064
Ukraine	13.459

Building Bridges

Guided by the **Strategic Framework**, JRS Europe contributes to a shared vision rooted in **dignity, justice**, and **reconciliation** across Europe. Through **three strategic directions**, **four programmatic priorities**, and **six organizational priorities**, we accompany forcibly displaced people and promote welcoming communities.

Strategic Directions

Protection & Inclusion

Promoting access to protection, rights, and meaningful participation for forcibly displaced people, while fostering welcoming and inclusive communities across Europe.

Agency

Supporting people and communities in reclaiming autonomy, developing opportunities, and shaping their own future with dignity and hope.

Reconciliation & Justice

Building communities rooted in solidarity, encounter, and social transformation, while promoting justice, dialogue, and shared responsibility.

Programmatic Priorities

1

Protection

Ensuring access to safety, rights, and dignified accompaniment for forcibly displaced people, while advocating for humane and rights-based protection systems across Europe.

One Proposal



2

Detention

Accompanying people in detention and promoting alternatives grounded in dignity, care, and respect for fundamental human rights.

DVSG

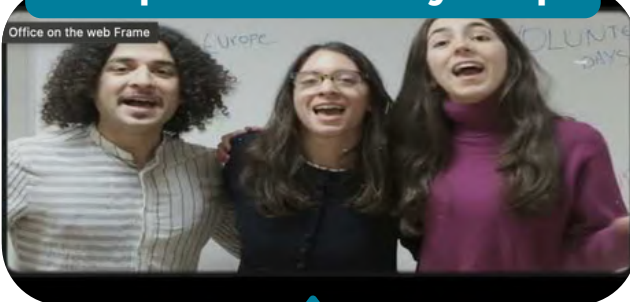


Inspiring Hope.

Organizational Priorities

Alongside our strategic directions and programmatic priorities, six organizational priorities strengthen the way we work across Europe. By fostering collaboration, sustainability, accountability, and shared learning, they support the long-term impact of our mission and accompaniment.

European Solidarity Corps



3

Inclusion & Integration

Supporting participation, livelihoods, education, and opportunities that enable people to build meaningful futures and contribute to their communities.

SMART UA



Path of Hospitality



4

Advocacy & Awareness

Promoting solidarity, dialogue, and human-centered narratives through advocacy, education, and community engagement initiatives across Europe.

TOGETHER FOR CHANGE



ONE PROPOSAL

Jesuit response to the Ukraine crisis

For the **fourth year in a row**, the Society of Jesus, coordinated by **JRS Europe** and **Xavier Network**, continues to stand with people affected by the war in Ukraine. Together with local partners, we provide **protection, essential assistance** and pathways to **integration** and **dignity**.



OUR IMPACT



150.405
individuals
aided since 2022



11.6M€
total expenses
from 2022



212
local staff and
volunteers



5
countries
involved



OUR APPROACH

WELCOME

Providing immediate support through emergency assistance, temporary shelter, food distribution, and essential relief services.

PROTECT

Providing legal assistance, psychosocial support, case management, and safeguarding services to protect dignity and well-being.

PROMOTE & INTEGRATE

Supporting education, livelihoods, language learning, and community participation to foster inclusion and self-reliance.

INSTITUTIONAL STRENGTHENING

Strengthening local organisations through capacity building, coordination, training, and sustainable service delivery.



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SMART UA

Scaling the successful social inclusion and integration of Ukrainian refugees in Hungary, Romania and Slovakia through an innovative multi-stakeholder cooperation

The SMART UA project, funded by the European Social Fund Plus and Social Innovation, supports Ukrainian refugees in Hungary, Romania, and Slovakia. Coordinated by JRS Europe with 11 partners, it fosters collaboration among authorities, NGOs, and service providers to improve access to housing and jobs through skills recognition, capacity building, and innovative pilot initiatives.



JRS EUROPE



JRS ROMANIA



JRS HUNGARY



CPRR



LIFESTARTER



ASSWR



SZOCIOMETRUM



EVANGÉLIKUS DIAKÓNIA

JRS Europe will coordinate the project. Core partners include **JRS Hungary, JRS Romania, Lutheran Diaconia, Szociometrum, LifeStarter, the Family Help Center, and the Association of Schools of Social Work in Romania.** They are joined by associated partners such as Trnava University, the City of Trnava, and Personal Service, who contribute research, local expertise, and labour market connections. Based across **Hungary, Romania, and Slovakia,** these partners combine social, academic, and community strengths to support refugee integration.

HOW SMART UA WORKS

Research & Analysis

National reports identifying barriers and innovative practices in housing and employment.

Capacity Building

Workshops and local trainings engaging 90–150 stakeholders across the three countries.

Cooperation

Connecting NGOs, local authorities, social institutions, and employment actors.

European Exchange

Promoting transnational learning and exchange through a final event in Brussels.

Social Innovation Initiative 



Co-funded by
the European Union



SMART UA

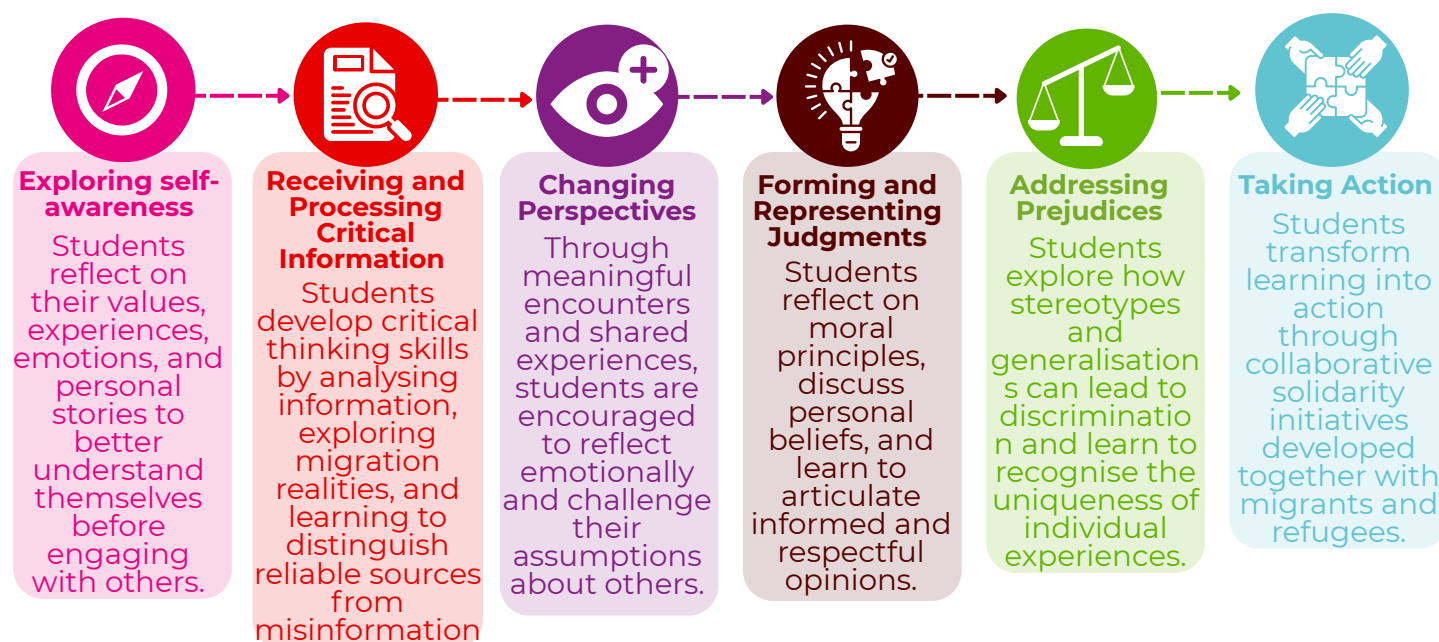
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TOGETHER FOR CHANGE

Together for CHANGE is a project coordinated by JRS Europe and implemented in **Belgium, Spain, Greece, Croatia, Hungary, Italy, Serbia and Portugal**. The goal of the project is to foster students' civic engagement **to promote critical thinking skills and migrants' integration** by encouraging students to take actions together with young migrants to participate in schools and community initiatives.



To support schools in addressing migration, diversity, and participation in meaningful ways, Together for Change developed a flexible pedagogical curriculum adapted for students **under and over 15 years old**. Structured around six interconnected stages, the curriculum was translated into **11 languages** and implemented across participating countries, providing teachers and students with practical tools **to foster critical thinking, empathy, dialogue, and active citizenship** through shared learning experiences.



European Solidarity Corps

Through the European Solidarity Corps, **young volunteers joined JRS offices** across Europe, contributing to **advocacy, communication, accompaniment, and community engagement** while **developing new skills**, connections, and experiences of solidarity.



14

VOLUNTEERS
INVOLVED



6

NATIONALITIES
REPRESENTED



3

HOSTING
COUNTRIES



25,3

AGE
AVERAGE

“We are united by a shared belief in solidarity, justice, and the transformative power of service”

VOICES FROM ESC VOLUNTEERS



REFET DOKUMACI
Communication Unit

“It was an enriching way to start my journey, leaving me feeling confident and well-connected.”



**EUROPEAN
SOLIDARITY
CORPS**

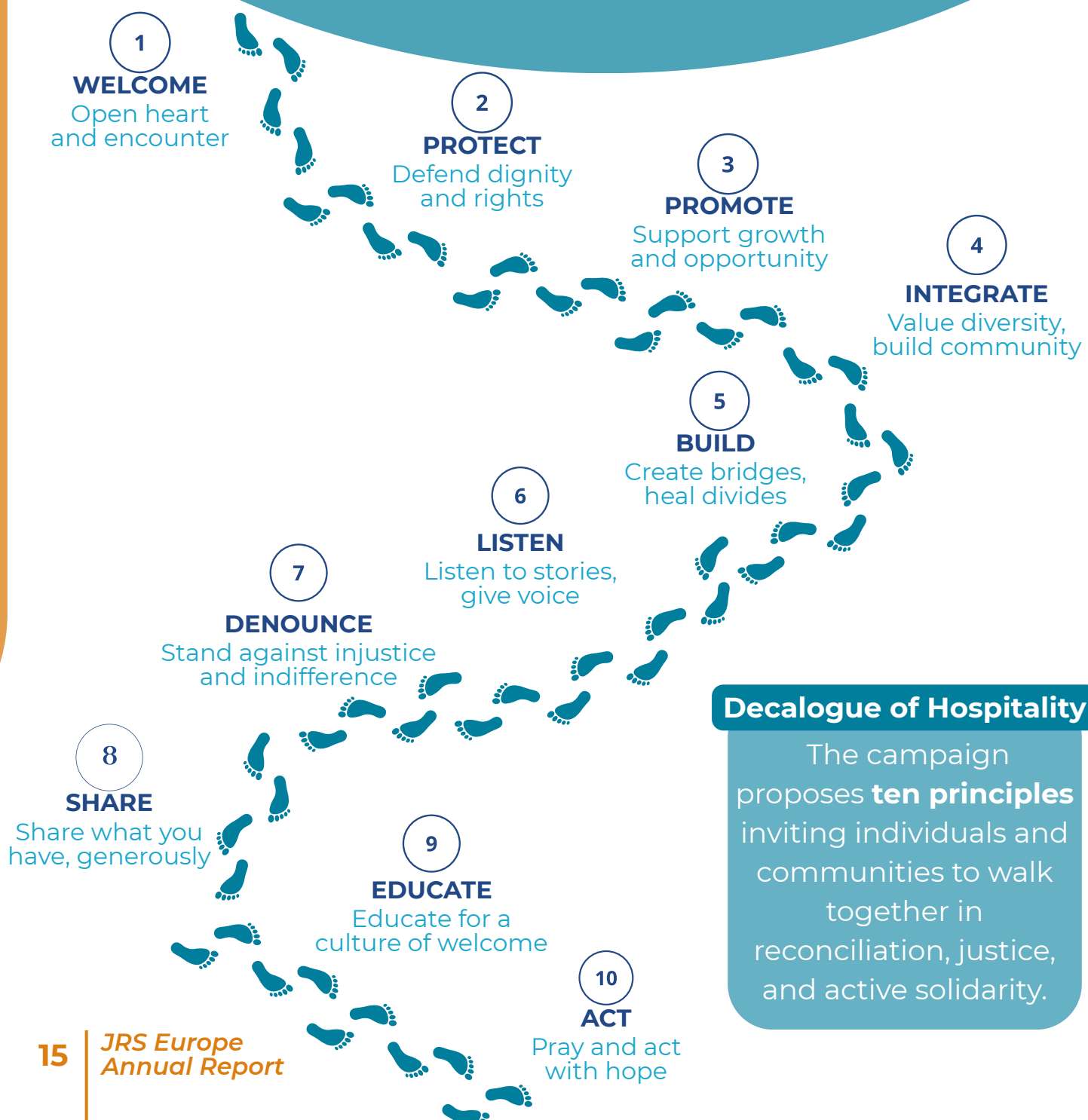


ZAHRA BEG
Advocacy Unit

“I encourage more people to volunteer like this to remind themselves of the intentions behind our collective work.”

10/ - PATHS OF HOSPITALITY

Paths of Hospitality is a global campaign promoting a culture of **solidarity, encounter, and inclusion** with people forced to migrate. Inspired by the legacy of Jesuit priest Frans Van der Lugt, whose walks with young people of different backgrounds symbolised **peace, coexistence, and shared humanity**, the campaign encourages communities **to reject indifference and build welcoming spaces** rooted in dignity, dialogue, and hope.



Decalogue of Hospitality

The campaign proposes **ten principles** inviting individuals and communities to walk together in reconciliation, justice, and active solidarity.

10/
- CAMINO SIDE
HOSPITALIDAD

CUENTROS
en Jesuita y Sigrantitas
servicio - bienestar

@ SJM PERÚ

Hope is the Path.

Learning from One Another

Across the JRS Europe network, country offices develop **innovative responses** to the challenges faced by refugees and migrants in their local contexts. Rooted in our **Strategic Framework** and shared mission, these initiatives demonstrate how **accompaniment, hospitality, protection, and inclusion** can be translated into **practical action**. The following examples highlight approaches that have **strengthened communities, promoted dignity, and generated lasting impact** while offering inspiration for replication across the network.

1 Women's Day Center, JRS Greece

A safe and holistic space supporting refugee and migrant women through psychosocial and legal assistance, childcare, hygiene services, and access to essential goods. By addressing immediate needs while strengthening autonomy and community belonging, the centre promotes dignity, and long-term inclusion.



IMPACT



239

women served at least once

47

families supported with food



963

laundry appointments

2 Monthly cultural trips, JRS Poland

Since spring 2023, JRS organizes monthly guided visits to museums, historical sites, cultural landmarks and places of religious heritage.

Through shared discovery and regular encounters, refugees are encouraged to see Warsaw not only as a place of refuge, but as their city.



30

trips completed

30-40

participants per trip



3.5

years of continuous activity



Community Hospitality model, SJM Spain

3

A community-based approach that enables local groups to welcome migrants through shared living experiences, relationships, and mutual support.

The model promotes personal development for migrants while fostering social cohesion, inclusive citizenship, and a culture of hospitality within host communities.

IMPACT



1600

people engaged in community experiences

500+

migrants welcomed in communities



4000

people served since 2016



Zagreb as an integrating city, JRS Croatia

4

Through language courses, legal assistance, cultural mediation, and cooperation with local institutions, JRS Croatia translates integration policies into practical support that helps refugees access rights, education, healthcare, and employment.

IMPACT



384

beneficiaries in language courses

400+

cases of legal and administrative support



25

intercultural events

Advocacy & Publications

Rooted in the experiences of refugees and migrants across Europe, our advocacy work combines field-based evidence, research, coalition building, and policy engagement to promote a more humane and rights-based migration and asylum system. Through publications, advocacy statements, and dialogue with European institutions, we work to amplify voices that are too often unheard.

OUR ADVOCACY APPROACH



ACCOMPANY

We walk alongside refugees and migrants in communities across Europe.



DOCUMENT

We listen, learn and collect evidence from the realities on the ground



PUBLISH

We produce reports and papers that bring forward evidence and lived experiences



ADVOCATE

We raise our voice in coalitions and public platforms to influence policies and mindsets



INFLUENCE

We engage with institutions and decision-makers to drive change for a just and humane Europe



Our advocacy is grounded in the dignity of every person and the belief that a Europe rooted in justice, solidarity, and hope is possible.



8 joint advocacy statements signed

with churches and civil society organizations



Engagement with European institutions

including EUAA, Frontex, the Council of Europe and the European Parliament



Key publications informed by field experience

on reception, livelihoods, Ukraine response and return policies

“ A EUROPE THAT CHOOSES INCLUSION OVER EXCLUSION

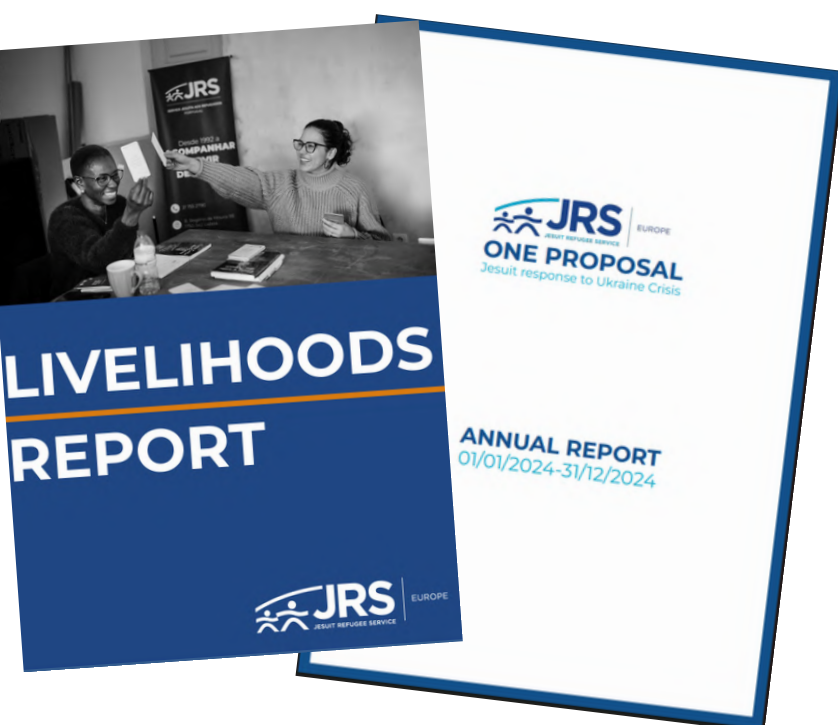
People on the move are not a threat. They are our neighbours, our colleagues, our friends.

We call on leaders to build policies grounded in dignity, protection and solidarity.

Deterrence does not create safety. Inclusion does.



FEATURED PUBLICATIONS



OUR STATEMENTS IN 2025

4 MARCH 2025

Three years since the activation of the Temporary Protection Directive: from emergency to longer-term solutions

24 MARCH 2025

Joint Statement: EU Commission proposed Regulation on returns of third-country nationals

25 APRIL 2025

Amid significant funding cuts, civil society calls on donors to step up to ensure functioning asylum systems in Europe

10 JUNE 2025

Joint statement with SJM and Jesuitas Social on Gaza

1 JULY 2025

Joint statement: EU safe country and return proposals would seriously undermine protection and human dignity

9 JULY 2025

Statement on the revision of the safe third country concept in the EU Migration and Asylum Pact

22 SEPTEMBER 2025

Christian group statement on the European Commission proposal for a new Common European System for Return

8 DECEMBER 2025

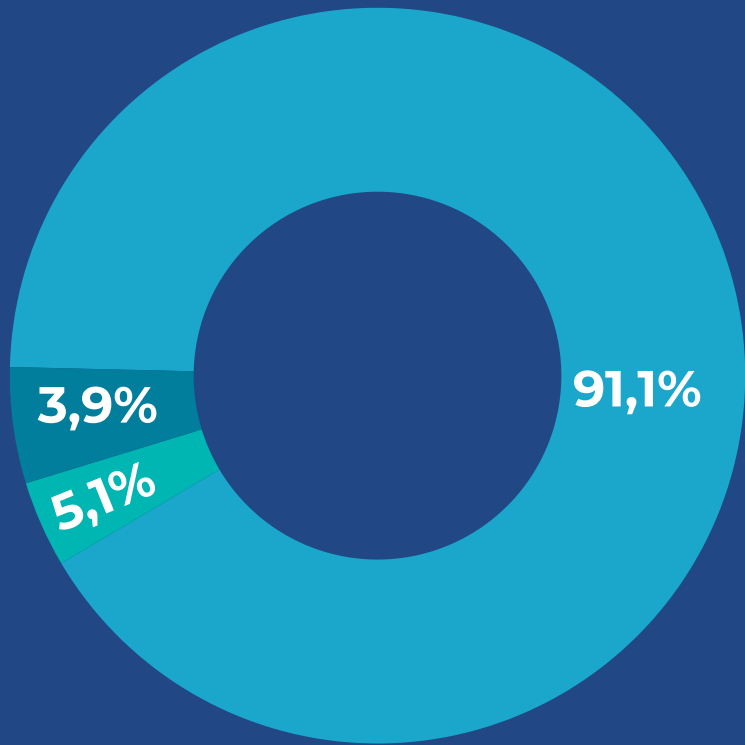
Joint civil society statement on the Council's position on the Return Regulation proposal

FINANCIAL TRANSPARENCY

Transparency and accountability are central to our work. The following overview shows how resources were received and invested across the JRS Europe network in 2025.

INCOME COUNTRY OFFICES	
Spain	€8.400.122
Italy	€4.363.852
Portugal	€3.207.434
Romania	€2.515.250
UK	€2.017.325
France	€1.805.090
BiH	€1.023.468
Ireland	€953.200
Belgium	€858.991
Hungary	€631.158
Malta	€559.682
Germany	€445.021
Luxembourg	€340.999
Poland	€309.047
Greece	€293.586
Ukraine	€270.504
Serbia	€200.873
Austria	€194.436
Croatia	€193.173
Kosovo	€162.871
N. Macedonia	€143.676
Switzerland & Slovenia	€40.793
TOTAL	€29.797.211

EXPENDITURE COUNTRY OFFICES



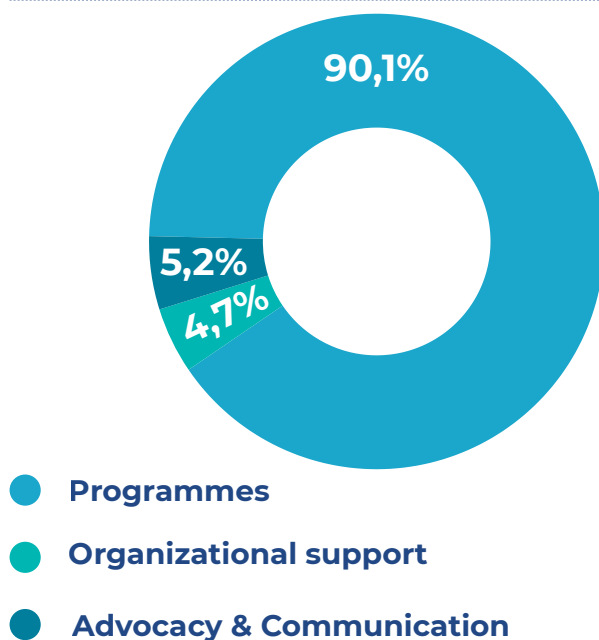
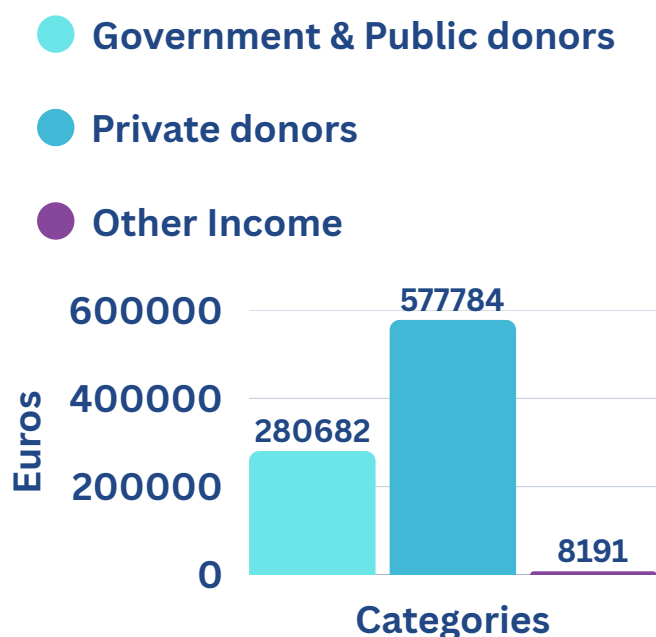
Programmes	€28.250.189
Organizational Support	€1.583.219
Advocacy & Communication	€1.190.484

JRS Europe Financial overview

The following overview shows the income and expenditure of JRS Europe office in 2025.

INCOME 2025	
Government & Public donors	€280.682
Private donors	€577.784
Other income	€8.191
TOTAL	€866.657

EXPENDITURE 2025	
Organizational support	€43.657
Advocacy & Communication	€39.371
Programmes	€754.647
TOTAL	€837.676



THANKS TO OUR PARTNERS

We would like to thank Caritas Spain, Catholic Church Region Bern, Catholic Mission Australia, Erasmus+, ESF Innovation Plus, European Solidarity Corps, Fundación Entreculturas, JES Franklin Foundation, JCEP, Jesuiten Weltweit, JRS USA, JRS International, Linsi Foundation, Church of Jesus Christ Latter-day Saints, Renovabis, Xavier Network, as well as individual & anonymous donors. JRS Europe also thanks all donors supporting the One Proposal project.



Build Hope
Together

Standing with refugees means building communities of hope!

Every day, we accompany refugees and forcibly displaced people through protection, education, advocacy, and community initiatives across **Europe**. Together we work to promote dignity, inclusion, and hope for people rebuilding their lives far from home.

Scan to support our mission!



Be part of a future shaped by solidarity, justice, and encounter.

JRS Europe network

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